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or manner of occurrence in the State as a whole. The nomenclature is that of the A. O. U. Check-List, brought down to include the changes adopted in the Fourteenth Supplement, published in July of the present year.— J. A. A.

Penard's Birds of Guiana.[1]— The authors of the present work (which, unfortunately for English readers, is written in the Dutch language) resided for twelve years in Dutch Guiana and made a large collection of the birds of that region. They therefore write from personal knowledge of the birds, and are able to give much first-hand information of their habits, about which little has heretofore been recorded.

An introduction of about forty pages gives a general account of the local distribution of many of the species, their breeding habits and migrations. The remainder of the first volume treats, in systematic sequence, of the species, from the Grebes to the Cuckoos. There are keys to the higher groups, and descriptions of the species (in small type), followed by a more or less full account of their habits and local distribution.

Volume II, which will contain the remainder of the Picariæ and the Passeres, is now ready for the press, but (we are privately informed) will not be published until proceeds from the first volume become available.— J. A. A.

Forbes's Statistical Study of the Mid-Summer Bird Life of Illinois.[2]— This is a summary of some of the more general results of statistical observations made in 1907, in the southern part of the State in June, in the central part in July, and in the northern part in August, by two field observers, Messrs. A. O. Gross and H. A. Ray. The character of the field work is stated, the purpose of which is to obtain "a better knowledge of the significance of birds in the economy of nature." The statistics here presented are of much interest, as are the conclusions derived from them, which a fuller survey may or may not seriously modify. The work here detailed should be greatly extended, and carried on by a sufficient number of competent field observers to enable surveys to be conducted simultaneously in different parts of the State, so as to avoid the necessity of comparing seasonally unlike data, as in the present instance. It is work eminently well worth doing, and becomes trustworthy in proportion to its thoroughness and comprehensiveness, and which we hope to see undertaken energetically on a large scale. The present is an excellent beginning, and the

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[1] De Vogels van | Guyana | (Suriname, Cayenne en Demerara) | Door | Frederik | Paul Penard | en | Arthur Philip Penard | [Volume I] Uitgave van | Wed. F. P. Penard | Paramaribo | — No date = April, 1908. 8vo, pp. xliii + 588, with 173 half-tone cuts in text. Price, $5.00; postage 30 cents additional. Orders for the work may be addressed to De Wolfe & Fiske Co., 16–20 Franklin St., Boston, Mass.

[2] The Mid-summer Bird Life of Illinois: A Statistical Study. By Professor S. A. Forbes, University of Illinois. Amer. Nat., Vol. XLII, No. 500, August, 1908, pp. 505–519.